

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. A method for implanting a prosthetic device in a body comprising:
placing a first suture through tissue at a first position using a first needle
5 of a suture system;
placing a second needle of a suture system having an associated double
stranded suture in the tissue at a distance from the first position, different strands
having different indicators such that the different strands can be identified;
placing additional sutures using additional needles through the tissue;
10 placing the first suture through a cuff of the prosthetic device using the
single-threaded needle of the suture system;
placing the second needle and an associated double-stranded suture in the
prosthetic device;
placing additional sutures using additional double-stranded sutures along
15 the prosthetic device; and
securing the prosthetic device into position.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the strands of the double-stranded suture are of
different colors.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the first suture strand is green and another suture
20 strand is white.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein a third strand color is formed with a pair of
braided strands of different colors.
5. A suture device for suturing a prosthetic device to tissue comprising:
a plurality of at least three needles with at least one needle being

a plurality of at least three needles with at least one needle being associated with a double stranded suture, one strand of the double stranded suture having a visual indicator;

5 a plurality of suture pads, each suture strand extending between a pair of needles having a suture pad such that suture strands associated with different suture pads can be identified with the visual indicator, the needles being removable from the suture strands after insertion through a cuff of the prosthetic device and the ends of each strand being identified and secured together to attach the device to the tissue.

- 10 6. The suture device of claim 5 wherein the suture strands include strands of at least two different colors.
7. The suture device of claim 5 wherein the device has at least three needles that are each associated with at least two strands.
- 15 8. The suture device of claim 5 further comprising a first needle attached to a single strand and a last needle attached to a single strand and said at least one needle associated with at least two suture strands there between.